



A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred, NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

January 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Ron Carter-Fish, Unifour Christian Fellowship
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Update from Friends of Hickory on Downtown Park Project

Ms. Allison Holtzman presented a PowerPoint presentation and updated City Council on the Friends of Hickory's downtown park project.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Several citizens requested to be heard by City Council to discuss the Hickory Public Housing Authority.

Mr. David Crosby addressed City Council regarding his concern with the bathroom facilities for the Friends of Hickory Park project.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
 - A2** A. Approval of the 2015 Loan Agreement with the National Museum of the United States Air Force. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** B. Approval of an Offer to Purchase of Two Properties Located Near the Intersection of 2nd Street NE and Falling Creek Road, PIN 3714-06-38-1685 and PIN 3714-06-38-2817. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** C. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by the PWG Investments, LP Located at 1022 Main Avenue NW in the amount of \$987.50. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** D. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 14. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
 - A2** E. Consideration of Rezoning Petition 15-02 for Property Located at 3061 Short Road **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

A. A. Approval to Issue a Pyrotechnic Display Permit to Hickory Crawdads. (Exhibit VIII.A.)

Mark Seaman, General Manager of the Hickory Crawdads has submitted a request to obtain permission to have a public fireworks display on the following dates: April 15, 2016; May 27, 2016; June 17, 2016; July 1, 2016; July 3, 2016; July 4, 2016; July 15, 2016; July 29, 2016; August 12, 2016; August 26, 2016; September 2, 2016; with the following rain dates: April 16, 2016; May 28, 2016; June 18, 2016; July 2, 2016; July 5, 2016; July 8, 2016; July 9, 2016; July 16, 2016; July 30, 2016; August 13, 2016; August 27, 2016 and September 3, 2016.

The North Carolina Fire Code requires a mandatory operational permit for the use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. The Division of Fire & Life Safety Bureau shall review all required documentation. The Fire & Life Safety Division will also inspect the pyrotechnics display area prior to the event to ensure compliance with all guidelines and codes. Staff recommends approval of the pyrotechnics displays.

A1 B. Approval of the Contract with Wilkie Construction in the Amount of \$290,800 to Construct Phase II of the Planned Improvements to Hickory Optimist Park. (Exhibit VIII.B.)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to complete extensive improvements at Hickory Optimist Park this year. Phase I of the project involved construction of drainage improvements, a walking trail with connection to The Glen at Green Park subdivision, and installation of an outdoor gym. Phase II of the project will involve demolition of an existing storage building. A new pre-engineered community building with restrooms will be constructed. A future contract will also convert the existing tennis court into four pickle ball courts. Staff advertised for competitive bids on the construction project. The low bidder on the project was Wilkie Construction with a bid of \$290,800 for the building construction. (See Consent Agenda E.1) This project will be funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds and Rental Rehab Program Income. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Wilkie Construction to construct Phase II of the planned improvements to Hickory Optimist Park.

A1 C. Approval of the Purchase of a Front Loader Unit from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the Amount of \$248,478. (Exhibit VIII.C.)

The City uses front loader trucks for collection of refuse with our dumpster service. This unit is operated daily in the Commercial Division of the Solid Waste Division. This unit will replace a 2003 model. Bids were received from three different truck manufacturers, Mack, Peterbuilt, and Autocar. All trucks were quoted with the same Heil front loading body as we currently utilize this body on other existing trucks and have experienced good service and longevity out of them as well as keeping our equipment consistent related to repair parts and equipment operation. Funds for this replacement unit are budgeted in the Solid Waste – Commercial Division budget. The low bid is under the budgeted amount. Staff recommends purchasing the front loader unit from the NJPA Contract from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$248,478.

A1 D. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 15. (Exhibit VIII.D.)

1. *To recognize \$150.00 in donations-revenue to the Library for supplies for printing Friends of the Library newsletters.*
2. *To recognize \$25.00 donation to the Library for children's books in memory of Luther Snyder Garrison III.*
3. *To budget the annual debt service payment on the installment agreement for Stanford Park and Ridgeview renovations; only one semi-annual payment was*

included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget. Project was financed in 2002 at \$7.6 million.

4. *The Final Notice of Funding FY2016 PSAP Distribution received from Catawba County revised to allocate \$52,421.00 to the City of Hickory. Hickory Police Department plans to use the funds for the Wireless Communication project. Purchase Order 068251 has been entered in the accounting software to reserve the funds for future incoming invoices. This request revises the revenue and expenditure budgets to reflect the actual amounts as stated in the FY2016 Funding Notification.*

A1 E. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Number 5. (Exhibit VIII.E.)

1. *To appropriate available Community Development Fund (Fund 56) revenues (\$150,525) into the Public Infrastructure line-item for purposes of the Community Building at Optimist Park. (Consent Agenda Item B.)*

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

- A**
1. **Consideration of Amending the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan to Increase the Budget for Public Infrastructure Improvements. (Exhibit XI.A.1.)**

In April of each year, Staff prepares an Annual Action Plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation from the Federal government. This plan normally includes line items for public infrastructure improvements and single family housing rehabilitation. There is currently \$75,000 remaining in the Single Family Housing Rehabilitation line item. All public infrastructure funds are committed or will be spent in early 2016. The proposed amendment will adjust the City's 2014 CDBG Annual Action Plan by decreasing Housing Rehabilitation/Purchase Program in the amount of \$75,000 and increasing Public Infrastructure Improvements in the amount of \$75,000. The funding will allow the City to complete two to three additional street resurfacing projects in eligible neighborhoods. The reduction in housing rehabilitation funds will not have a negative impact on the City's housing rehabilitation programs. There is adequate funding to complete all current projects and any loan applications that the City is likely to receive prior to the end of the fiscal year. The funding is located in other CDBG project year budgets and the City's Owner/Rental rehabilitation fund. Staff recommends City Council's approval of the amendment to the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on December 19, 2015; January 8, 2016 and January 15, 2016.

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2. **Consideration of Closing the Southern Portion of the Alley beside Community One Bank for the Friends of Hickory Park. (Exhibit XI.A.2.)**

Friends of Hickory has been raising funds for a park to go in the current City owned parking lot at the intersection of 3rd Street NW at Main Avenue NW. In order for the park to be safe and have the adequate space, the alley that exists beside Community One Bank needs to close. In order to keep the outlet from the bank drive-thru operational, the alley will change from southbound traffic movement to northbound traffic movement on the north end. This will also require the removal of three parking spaces along the southbound side of 1st Avenue NW immediately west of the alley to allow for safe sight distance for

exiting traffic. The City owns both sides of the portion of the alley to be closed, thus all property will revert to the City. Bollards will be installed at the new dead end of the alley in order to prevent vehicle traffic but will allow pedestrian traffic. Staff request Council's consideration in closing the southern portion of the alley beside Community One Bank for the Friends of Hickory Park.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on December 18, 2015; December 25, 2015, January 1, 2016 and January 8, 2016.

B. Departmental Reports:

A1 1. Approval of Grant/Construction Easement Agreement for the Friends of Hickory Downtown Park Project. **(Exhibit XI.B.1.)**

Friends of Hickory is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the City of Hickory through certain project, including projects related to the recreational offerings of the City. Approximately a year and a half ago, Friends of Hickory approached the City with a proposal to enhance and improve the City's parks and recreation facilities by developing and constructing a new park in downtown Hickory through a public/private partnership with the City. The site for the proposed park is located along Main Avenue NW and currently is being utilized by the City for parking. The agreement formalizes the public/private partnership between the Friends of Hickory and the City by outlining the roles and responsibilities of the parties in writing. Friends of Hickory, the project developer, will fund the entire project. Friends of Hickory will maintain appropriate liability insurance and have payment and performance bonds in place to guarantee completion of project. The City will participate in the project by relocating certain infrastructure on the site and by closing a portion of a street abutting the project. When the project is completed and has received final inspections and approval, the equipment and other features located on the site will become the City's property. In addition, the agreement will give the Friends of Hickory naming rights opportunities for the project. Staff recommends Council enter into the Grant/Construction Easement Agreement with Friends of Hickory to construct a new park in downtown Hickory.

A 2. Hickory Public Housing Authority

Council discussed the previous meetings motion and City Attorney John Crone suggested that Council allow an opportunity for discussions to continue and explore the possibility of a voluntary transfer of the assets to, not to an existing redevelopment commission, but a regional housing authority or entity that is capable under HUD guidelines of accepting a voluntary transfer. Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Mayor Wright to have those meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A 3. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

BOND IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION

Members appointed on 2/3/2015 to one year terms, per Ordinance 15-01, are eligible to be reappointed to one additional 3 year term (Terms Expiring 2/1/2019)

Ward 2 (Alderman Tarlton Appoints)	Gayle Schwarz Resigned (3 year term expires 2/2/2018)
Ward 2 (Alderman Tarlton Appoints)	Jennifer Clark expires 2/2/2016

Alderman Tarlton nominated Kay Schmucker to the Bond Implementation Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Gayle Schwarz.

Alderman Tarlton reappointed Jennifer Clark to the Bond Implementation Commission.

Ward 3 (Alderman Seaver Appoints) Anthony Laxton expires 2/2/2016

Alderman Seaver reappointed Anthony Laxton to the Bond Implementation Commission.

Ex Officio Representatives:

Per Ordinance 15-01 representatives appointed by the boards, commissions, and the Chamber shall serve for a term of one year and may be reappointed for up to two additional one year terms with the exception of the Youth Council representative. (Terms Expiring 2/1/2017)

Business Development Committee	Dana Chambers
Hickory International Council	Pending
Hickory Regional Planning Commission	Shauna O'Brien
Library Advisory Board	Pending
Recycling Advisory Board	Pending
University City Commission	Pending

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Other Minority VACANT

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HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)

(Appointed by City Council)

Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008

Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)

(8) Positions VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large Minority VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 3 VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Hickory Career Arts Magnet VACANT

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Alderman Seaver advised that Hickory High and Hibriten were playing for first place basketball at Hickory High, they were probably at second half. He commented that they have burgers and hotdogs well-crafted over there.

Mayor Wright commented that they both were 14 and 1.

XIV. Adjournment

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